

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Patent Application of ) **MAIL STOP AMENDMENT**  
Shinichi Takagi et al. ) Group Art Unit: 2823  
Application No.: 09/987,153 ) Examiner: SHEILA V CLARK  
Filed: November 13, 2001 ) Confirmation No.: 6439  
For: SEMICONDUCTOR ELEMENT )  
MODULE AND SEMICONDUCTOR )  
DEVICE WHICH PREVENTS )  
SHORT CIRCUITING )

**AMENDMENT**

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated January 19, 2011, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows: